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KERRVILLE DOCTOR INDICTED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a federal grand jury has indicted Kerrville physician David Winkler charging him with two counts of possession of child pornography.

Agents with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested Winkler, age 35, on April 19, 2007, at his office following the execution of a search warrant. A preliminary forensic review of Winkler's computer led to the discovery of eight videos and over 200 images of child pornography.

Winkler is currently on a \$50,000 unsecured bond. No other court dates have been scheduled.

Upon conviction of this charge, Winkler faces up to ten years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine per count.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tom Moore.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

A indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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